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## Forest County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

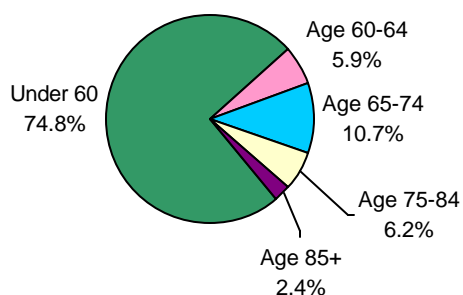
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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Forest County is much higher than that of the state as a whole (19.3% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (16.5% versus 7.9%). In all, 1,930 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 237 of these are age 85 or older. Forest County's average (or median) age is 39.9 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Forest County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	10,024		8,776		1,248	14.2%
Persons 60 and over	2,526	25.2%	2,143	24.4%	383	17.9%
Persons 65 and over	1,930	19.3%	1,656	18.9%	274	16.5%
Persons 85 and over	237	2.4%	161	1.8%	76	47.2%

**Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Forest County Population in Each Group**



### Race:

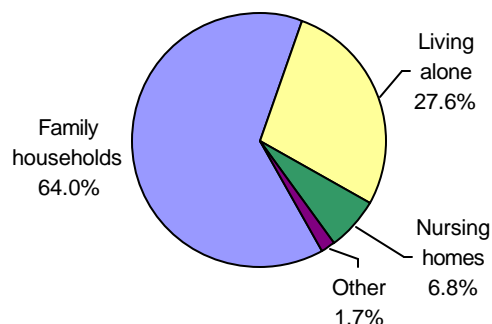
A large majority (97.2%) of Forest County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Forest County African Americans have a median age of 18.8 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 15.0 years. Whites, in contrast, average 43.3 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 4,043 households in Forest County, 1,314 include at least one person age 65 or older (32.5% of all households). A total of 1,244 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 83.7% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (64.0%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 27.6% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.1% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 131 people age 65 and older live in Forest County nursing homes (6.8% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

**Living Arrangements of Forest County Residents Age 65+**



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